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(POWERS)

NEW YORK--FRANCIS GARY POWERS, CAPTURED U-2 PILOT, HAS SENT LETTERS BY REGULAR MAIL TO HIS WIFE AND FATHER, NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE REPORTED TODAY.

POWERS SAID IN A LETTER TO HIS WIFE, MRS. BARBARA GAY POWERS, THAT HE KNOWS HE MUST STAND TRIAL ON CHARGES OF SPYING AND THAT SHE SHOULD NOT TRY TO VISIT HIM UNTIL AFTER HE IS TRIED, THE MAGAZINE SAID IN ITS FORTHCOMING ISSUE.

POWER'S PLEA APPARENTLY PERSUADED HIS FATHER, OLIVER W. POWERS, OF POUND, VA., TO CALL OFF HIS OWN PLANS TO GO TO RUSSIA, NEWSWEEK SAID.

IN BOTH LETTERS, NEWSWEEK SAID, POWERS INDICATED HE WAS BEING WELL TREATED AND THAT HE IS PERMITTED TO TAKE WALKS AND SUN BATHS.

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